It is Sunday the 7th December 2008 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY news bringing you - cast 1523.
Views expressed in this news bulletin are not necessarily those of the Broadcast Officer, the Relay Officers, or of the Society.
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1523 for 7th December 2008
ARRL DXCC Desk Approves Three Operations: ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the following operations have been approved for DXCC credit: Wake Island -- WA2YUN/KH9 (for operations commencing 2007); Willis Island -- VK9DWX (2008), and Andaman and Nicobar Island -- VU4RG (2008). "If you had cards rejected for the Wake Island operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk and you will be placed on the list for update," Moore said.
from the ARRL Letter 5th December 2208

IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 28th November to 4th December, issued on 5th December 2008.
SUMMARY

Date	28	29	30	01	02	03	04	
10cm flux	67	68	68	68	69	69	70	
AFr index	3	2	1	0	0	4	(10 estimated)	
Aaus index	5	5	3	2	2	9	(10 estimated)	
T index	-40	-46	-37	-35	-43	-35	-30	

Solar flare activity was very low all week.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian Region was quiet on 28th to 2nd; quiet to unsettled on 3rd; and quiet to active on 4th.
Southern Australian Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were depressed 15 per cent on 28th; depressed 15 to 25 per cent on 29th; depressed 20 to 15 per cent on 30th; depressed 15 to 20 per cent on 1st and 2nd; near predicted to 15 per cent depressed on 3rd; and near predicted to 25 per cent depressed on 4th.
Please note: in this news bulletin, where two figures are given in the daily critical frequencies, the first is for daytime and the second is for nighttime.
Forecast for 5th to 11th December
Solar activity should be low.
Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions.
Frequencies should be near predicted monthly values. Moderate depressions are
Possible for the Equatorial/North Australian regions.
Courtesy of the IPS Radio and Space Services
Summary by Pat Leeper VK2JPA

RTDX1204 RTTY DX
VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES for week ending, Dec 4 (BID RTDX1204)
Our information this week came from AA5AU, GU0SUP, I5FLN, 425 DX News and OH2AQ DX Summit.
Thank you all.
Bandpass
Friday 28 SFI=68, A=7, K=1
0613 -1808 NP3D/W2
0824-18102 ZL4AS
0844-14084 EA8PE
0845-14084 JT1DN
1141-21080 PZ5TT
1149-21075 PU2UEO
1232-14082 OH3SR/VP9
1239-18102 PZ5TT
1257-14081 HG100WTE

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1322-14082 EK3GM
1341-14085 VU2NKS
1358-14081 EP3SMH
1441-14089 XW1B
1536-14081 LX/SP5OXJ
1609-14083 FM1FV
1708-14082 9G5ZZ
1711 -7040 XW1B
1853-14070 FR5MV
1956-14084 OX3DB
2214-14080 PZ5TT
2214-14082 CE3PG
2226-14086 FM5AA
2240-14083 CO2GL
2247-14083 HK6P
Saturday 29 SFI=67, A=5, K=1
0546-14088 E51QQQ
1147-21085 OM7ASP
1833-18102 E51QQQ
1924-18102 CX4AAJ
Sunday 30 SFI=68, A=2, K=1
0153-14087 E51QQQ
0222-14195 T31DX
0713 -3585 XE2WWW
1612-18099 CV5D
1741-18103 ZB3B
Monday 01 SFI=68, A=1, K=0
1236-18101 CT3FQ
1256-14084 IP9IPY
1303-14084 TF3GD
1304 -7039 IP9IPY
1328-14088 VU2NKS
1419-14084 TF3GC
1427-14080 HZ1PS
1433-14081 LZ1ANA
1433-14087 IS0YHV
1446-14085 OH3SR/VP9
1545-14085 LX8DL
1627-14086 PZ5TT
1652-14089 V26K
1740-14081 TG9/IV3IYH
1941-10142 9G5ZZ
2013-14083 CO2GL
2151-14084 FM1HN
2322-14081 BV4VR
2334 -3590 KP2/K3CT
2344 -7033 KP2/K3TEJ
2350-10139 KP2/K3CT
Tuesday 02 SFI=68, A=0, K=0
0006 -7033 KP2/K3TEJ
0050 -3505 TO3R
1128-10141 ON40BAF
1153 -7041 HI3A
1301-14083 YI1RAZ
1325-14090 HG100WTE
1412-14085 TF3GC
1422-14084 FR5MV
1450-18100 KP2/K3TEJ
1543-14081 OS7A
1544-14087 TG9/IV3IYH
1554-14082 E74BYZ
1615-14085 LX8DL
1653-14082 IS0YTA
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1741-14082 9G5ZZ
1744-14087 E51QQQ
2044-14085 CO8LY
2108-14084 NL7V
2200-14081 TG9AHM
2315-14081 CE1TT
2319-10140 KP2/K3TEJ
Wednesday 03 SFI=69, A=0, K=1
0238-14084 T31DX
0254-14087 E51QQQ
0331 -7038 XE3DX
0859-14081 JT1DN
1216-14082 YI1RAZ
1241-14083 XU7ABN
1310-14084 EW1AK
1310-14087 VU2NKS
1310-14088 TI8II
1315-14085 LX8DL
1327-14089 XE1KK
1328-14087 VU2NKS
1337-14085 XE3RR
1352-14083 CO8LY
1533-14086 KP2/K3TEJ
1546-14084 TG9/IV3IYH
1603 -3509 FG5LA
1609-14083 TG9/IV3IYH
1722-21080 TR8CA
1736-14086 J5UAP
1749-14086 EA9/DL3KVR
1815-14087 NL7V
1817-14087 EA8/DL3KVJ
1847-14087 OX3WS
1928-14085 EA8BLU
2015-14081 TG9AHM
2146-14084 J69DS
2227-18100 T31DX
2330-14081 BV4VR
2333 -7037 J3/DL5AXX
Thursday 04 SFI=69, A=5, K=0
0934-18103 XU7ABN
1224 -1812 T31DX
1253-10141 LX8DL
1316-14086 VK6IR
1332-21085 OM7ASP
1433-14088 ET3SID
1446-14089 ET3AA
1524-14080 EK6TA
1525-14085 E71S
1539-14080 TG9/IV3IYH
2009-14081 ZS2EZ
2058-14081 9G5ZZ
2156-10143 J3/DL5AXX
2214-14081 TG9AHM
2218-14087 CE1VCZ
2231-14085 TI8II
2247-14084 BX5AA

Notes of interest:
China - Look for BD3BXH/2, BG3DCI/2, and BG3DDB/2 (and possibly other operators from the TianJin B3C Club) to be active from JuHua Island (AS-151) on 10-13 December. QSL via BD3BXH.
Portugal - The Algarve DX Group will be active using the following callsigns from a number of Portuguese national parks and nature reserves in

December: CT7FFG (6-8 December), CT7FFE (26-27 December), CT7FFT
(28-29 December), CT7FFM (30 December-2 January). QSL CT7FFG and CT7FFT
via CT1GFK, QSL CT7FFE and CT7FFM via CT1IUA. Information on the
DPRN (Diploma dos Parques e Reservas Naturais) can be found at
http://dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn_por.htm
Cooks Isl - Aki, JA1KAJ (E51QQQ) will remain on Manihiki (OC-014), North Cooks
until 9 December [425DXN 915]. He will then go and operate from
Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks until 17 December. QSL via JA1KAJ.
Aruba - Marty, W2CG will once again be vacationing in Aruba on 3-17
January. He will operate as P40CG during his early morning and
late evening hours. His current plans include operations in the
ARRL RTTY Roundup. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) or LoTW.
Ivory Coast - Phil, F4EGS is back home after his business trip to Tajikistan
(more than 5,000 QSOs as EY8/F4EGS). His new work assignment will
be in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, from 25 December until the end of
February. Phil plans to operate as TU8/F4EYS in his spare time,
with a focus on CW and RTTY (and SSB on 160 and 80 metres). QSL
via F4EGS, direct or bureau.

The VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES are distributed every week via the
Winlink network, and are also available on the Internet at
URL http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/vk2sg-rtty
and the digital-dx reflector.
To subscribe to the digital-dx reflector, send an e-mail
message to majordomo@mla.nifty.ne.jp as follows:
Subject:(blank) Message Body: subscribe digital-dx
For next week's bulletin, send your bandpass and notes of
interest to Luciano, I5FLN at E-mail: luciano.fusari@alice.it
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The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 886 - excerpts
E4/OM2DX VIDEO ON YOUTUBE
Steve, OM3JW, reports that a short video clip of the Slovak DXpedition to
Palestine (between December 14-22nd, 2007) as E4/OM2DX can be viewed at:
http://de.youtube.com/watch?v=6HDNMUvgkBo
EP, IRAN
Moshen, EP3SMH, has been operating on 20 meters RTTY around 1400z. He has been
calling for North America on a regular basis. It is suggested to LISTEN because
Moshen likes to operate simplex.
FR/G, GLORIOSO ISLAND
Over the past few weeks many have been asking, "Where is the Glorioso
DXpedition?" All we can say is there is nothing being reported on their Web
page. However, the editor of "QRZ DX" reported this week, "Over the past weekend
I (Carl, N4AA) got the following word from the Team, 'The DXpedition is still
on, but is delayed until 2009 due to difficulty of scheduling transportation.'"
FT5Y, ANTARCTICA (Update)
Nicolas, F4EGX, continues to be active as FT5YI from the French scientific
station "Dumont D' Urville" during his free time until mid-December.
Jean-Michel, F6AJA, reports that he received an E-mail from Nicolas, and he
stated he will try to be on the air between 2300z and 0200z for North America.
Watch around 14267 kHz. Also, watch for activity Saturday night from 1500-1700z
around 14272 kHz. QSL via F4EGX. Take a look at some of the interesting photos
he is putting on his Web page at:
http://f4egx.homelinux.net
IOTA NEWS
EU-189. In an update by Col, MM0NDX, in regards to Isle of Rockall, he states,
"Never been a better chance of this rare one being activated. There is potential
that more than one trip to Rockall will occur next year, but still to be
finalized. Will provide more info when known." In a press release by Island
Man/Andy Strangeway, he states, "I appreciate it would appear that there has

been little news in the last few weeks, but I can assure everyone that things have certainly been moving. I expect before Christmas that news of transportation to Rockall being secured will be announced. Working in tandem with my friend Col, MM0NDX, I am acutely aware of the interest shown in EU-189. With this in mind I would like to invite radio hams, be they individuals or clubs, to contact me with their proposals to be part of this exciting expedition. I require the following information to be included in the proposal.
* The maximum and minimum number of berths that would be required.
* A CV of previous radio activations of those that would be involved.
* Any information of additional skills that would strengthen the depth of the expedition, for example any crewing of yacht/boat, tender experience or climbing ability.
The countries that have so far shown the greatest interest in the expedition are Belgium, France, Japan, Norway, UK and USA. I would especially like to hear from Japanese radio hams as not one operator from Japan has ever contacted Rockall. EU-189 is the most wanted IOTA in Japan.
KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA
Paul, A35RK/KK6H, is still stateside visiting his family, but has confirmed that he will be in Pago Pago on December 5th. He will be active as KH8/KK6H between December 5-9th, from Larry's, KH8LG, QTH on Tutuila Island (OC-045, USi AS-007S). QSL via W7TSQ or LoTW.
KP5, DESECHEO ISLAND DXPEDITION (Updates and News)
* DXpedition dates have been assigned! February 12-26th, 2009!
* Team 2009 Desecheo has been updated on their Web page. The On-Island Team now includes: Ralph Fedor/K0IR, Glen Kesselring/K0JGH, Grant Kesselring/K1KD, Brad Farrell/K4RT, Bob Allphin/K4UEE, Tim Pearson/ K5AC, Dick Hanson/K5AND, Gary Stouder/K9SG, George Nicholson/N4GRN, Mike Mraz/N6MZ, Mike Thomas/NA5U, Neil King/VA7DX, Steve Wright/VE7CT, Glenn Johnson/W0GJ, Jim Livengood/W0NB, Gordon Hardman/W0RUN, John Crovelli/W2GD, Gregg Marco/W6IZT, Garry Ritchie/W8OI and Jerry Rosalius/WB9Z. The Off-Island Team now includes: Asia Pilot Station Toshi Kusano/JA1ELY, Propagation Dude Carl Luetzelschwab/K9LA (check out Carl's Propagation section on the Web page), QSL Manager Bob Schenck/N2OO, Webmaster Chaz Cone/W4GKF and Antenna Guru Paul Playford/ W8AEF. Remember, for updates visit the KP5 Web page at:
http://www.kp5.us
* The Documentary Archive Radio Communication provides, on its Web site , a special coverage of the forthcoming KP5 Desecheo DXpedition: A first exclusive interview with Co-Team Leader Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, and extensive background information on this and all previous KP5 expeditions. Further interviews before, during, and after the February 2009 Dxpedition are scheduled.
SILENT KEY
It is with great sadness to report that ARRL President Emeritus George S. Wilson III, W4OYI, of Owensboro, Kentucky, became a "Silent Key" at his home on November 25th. He was 76. The announcement of W4OYI's passing was reported in this week's "ARRL Letter". Wilson served as the ARRL's 11th President from January 1992-July 1995. He resigned from the position after a stroke in 1995. Read the complete press release about W4OYI in "ARRL Letter" Vol. 27, No. 47, November 26th.
SILENT KEY (News from CQ: "Hashafisti Scratchi" a Silent Key)
Richard Moseson, W2VU, Editor of CQ Amateur Radio, reports: (Hicksville, NY, November 25, 2008) -- The man who wrote "Scratchi" for 'CQ' magazine is a Silent Key. George H. Floyd, Jr., WA4DGA (ex-W2RYT), of Lynchburg, Virginia, entertained thousands of his fellow hams for more than two decades -- between 1947 and 1971 -- writing as a politically-incorrect (by today's standards) Japanese-American ham with fractured English and contorted spelling. He wrote from "Feenix, Ariz.," began each column with "Deer Hon. Ed.," and regularly skewered the pomposity and poor operating practices he encountered on the air. He passed away November 22 at the age of 91.
Scratchi first appeared in 'CQ' in June, 1947. The column became a regular feature between 1948 and 1960, then returned from 1966 to 1971. For many 'CQ' readers in that time period, Scratchi was the first item they read when the magazine arrived each month.
'CQ' readers are invited to submit reminiscences of Scratchi for a tribute in an

upcoming issue of the magazine. A special e-mail address has been set up at scratchi@cq-amateur-radio.com

T30 & T31, WESTERN AND CENTRAL KIRIBATI (Update)

Haru, JA1XGI/W8XGI, who was active as T32XG during late May and early June, will now be active as T30/T32XG from Western Kiribati starting November 28th for about one week. He will then move to Central Kiribati and operate as T31/T32XG for about two weeks. Activity will be mainly CW and on the low bands, but there will also be some SSB and digital modes on 40/30/ 20/17/15 meters. QSL via JA1XGI, direct or by the Bureau.

TL0, CENTRAL AFRICA

Christian (ex-TZ9A and 5U5U) is in France at the moment and is expected to head back to Africa around January 15th. He will be here and has requested the TL0A callsign.

TR50, GABON (Update)

Roland, F8EN, will be back again in Libreville between December 15th to January 26th. Look for him to use the special callsign TR50R until December 31st. After January 1st, he will then use the callsign TR8CR. Activity will be on 40/30/20 meters mostly on CW. QSL via F6AJA.

TU, COTE D'LVOIRE

Phil's, F4EGS, next assignment is in Abidjan. He will depart on Christmas day and stay in Abidjan until the end of February 2009. His callsign will be TU8/F4EGS. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. He plans to be on 160/80 meters on all modes, but his focus on the other bands will be CW and RTTY. QSL via F4EGS, direct or by the bureau.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS

Neil, WD8CRT, will once again be active as V73NS from the Island of Roi-Namur (Grid RJ39), Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028), starting around January 5th. He is expected to remain there for at least two years. Activity will be mostly CW on 160-6 meters. QSL by the Bureau or direct to: Neil Schwanitz, Box 8341, APO, AP 96557, USA. Visit his Web site at: http://www.qsl.net/v73ns

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The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.

73â€™s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.